(b) whether there are any dues against some : if so, the amount thereof along with interest thereon, in cases where it is more than lakh of rupees ;

(c) which cases are in court of law or under arbitration and since when ; what results ; and

(d) whether there is any fresh Action Plan to expedite the matters; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS : (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) to (c). A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix XLIV, Annexure No. 84].

(d) Yes, Sir. Railways are pursuing the cases in the Courts. A Committee of Heads of Departments at the Headquarters level goes into the grievances of licencees in regard to revision of rates of licence fee, etc.

Industries/Mills lying closed in the country

1802. DR. ABRAR AHMED HAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of industries/mills lying closed in the country at present and since when these are lying closed including the reasons therefor and what measures are being taken by Government to reopen the same, and

(b) what is the number of workers rendered jobless as a result thereof and what steps Government are taking for their rehabilitation to provide them with livelihood ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b). The Labour Bureau maintains information, calendar year-wise, in respect of industrial establishments which close down during that period. A statement giving the number of units which closed during 1987 1988 and 1989. Workers affected. and the causes for closure is attached [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 85].

Rehabilitation packages in respect of potentially viable sick industrial units are drawn up by the banks and financial institutions concerned on a case to case basis in terms of guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. Banks and financial institutions periodically review implementation of the rehabilitation packages by the management of industrial units and initiate corrective action where necessary.

In respect of units coming within the purview of the Sick Industral Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) is empowered to take necessary action for determination of preventive, ameliorative, remedial and other measures in respect of sick units and for expeditious enforcement of such measures including appropriate action against erring managements.

The Central Government also operates a Textile Rehabilitation Fund which offers financial assistance on a tapering basis for a period of 3 years to the workers of close textile mills.

Technology of IRCON

1803. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of developed countries including Japan, Britain, US and USSR have sought some help from Indian Railway Construction company (IRCON) ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.